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SUBJECT: U.S. COPPER IMPORT DUTY

REF : SANTIAGO 3726 (NOTAL)

1. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TRUCCO CALLED AT DEPARTMENT JUNE 3RD  
TO DISCUSS IMMINENT EXPIRATION OF SUSPENSION OF U.S. COPPER  
IMPORT DUTIES. MEMCON HAS BEEN POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

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2. DUTIES ON COPPER ORE AND ON UNWROUGHT COPPER, WASTE AND

SCRAP (0.8 CENTS PER/LB) HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION A NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST. MOST RECENT SUSPENSION OCCURRED JULY 1, 1973 AND WAS EXTENDED LAST YEAR UNTIL JUNE 30, 1975. DUTY WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REIMPOSED ON JULY 1, 1975 UNLESS LEGISLATION PASSED TO EXTEND SUSPENSION ONCE AGAIN. U.S. COPPER PRODUCERS HAVE PUBLICLY INDICATED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE DUTY SUSPENSION SHOULD NOT BE CONTINUED AND NO BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS TO EXTEND SUSPENSION. THE ADMINISTRATION HAS NO PLANS FOR REQUESTING FURTHER SUSPENSION OF DUTY.

3. REDUCTION OF COPPER DUTIES WILL LIKELY BE TAKEN UP IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. BOTH COPPER ORE AND UNWROUGHT COPPER ARE ALSO INCLUDED ON LIST OF PRODUCTS NOW

UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT UNDER THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, HOWEVER, CHILE WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM GSP TREATMENT ON UNWROUGHT COPPER AS CHILEAN EXPORTS OF THE TWO MOST SIGNIFICANT UNWROUGHT COPPER ITEMS BOTH EXCEED THE 25 MILLION DOLS COMPETITIVE NEED CEILING. (COUNTRIES WHOSE EXPORTS OF A CERTAIN PRODUCT TO THE U.S. EXCEED A DOLLAR CEILING, INITIALLY SET AT 25 MILLION DOLS, WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR GSP TREATMENT FOR THAT PRODUCT.) CHILEAN EXPORTS OF COPPER ORE TO THE U.S., OF COURSE, ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT.

4. IN DISCUSSIONS REGARDING U.S. COPPER DUTIES, EMBASSY MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT CURRENT SPECIFIC DUTY IS THE EQUIVALENT OF LESS THAN 2 PERCENT AD VALOREM AND THAT COPPER IS INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF PRODUCTS ON WHICH THE UNITED STATES WILL CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING OR ELIMINATING TARIFFS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. KISSINGER

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